

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A -- This application claims priority to co-pending and commonly owned, U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/202,465, Case ~~8074P~~, titled, "Method For Consistently Providing Snack Pieces Having Dip Containment Region", filed May 8, 2000 in the name of Stephen P. Zimmerman.--